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"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The Men of Valley Forge.

WARREN AND PRESCOTT CHAPTER, D. A. R., BOSTON.

Among the Patriots who served at Valley Forge and whose descendants are past or present members of Warren and Prescott Chapter, D. A. R., are the following:

1st. Timothy Bigelow, born at Worcester, Mass., August 12, 1739, died there March 31st, 1790. He was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Whitney) Bigelow. He married, July 1st, 1762, Anna (Rankin) Andrews. He was a blacksmith by trade and was well-to-do, having a thriving business and his wife having brought him a good property. On the opening of hostilities he raised at once a regiment of Minute Men and marched as their colonel on the Lexington alarm. The fine discipline of this regiment excited the admiration of General Washington. He was present with the army at Saratoga, Valley Forge, Verplanck's Point, Monmouth, West Point and on the disastrous expedition of Arnold to Quebec, where he was captured in December, 1775, but afterwards exchanged in August, 1776. On every occasion he showed the most un-

daunted courage and patriotism. He also served on the Committee of Correspondence.

On the close of the war he tried to resume his business to which his long absence had proved very disastrous, while the hardships to which he had been exposed had underminded his constitution. He had somewhat lost his discernment, was imposed on by designing persons, some of whom were false friends, persuaded to accept too great liabilities and becoming involved in difficulties was immured in a debtor's prison, where, it is most painful and disgraceful to relate, this high-minded man and heroic soldier was allowed to end his days.

A monument erected in Central Square, Worcester, testifies to his patriotic services.

From him descends Miss Louise Bigelow. (Na No 4755).

2d. Parke Avery born March 22d, 1741, died December 20th, 1821. Married, 1763, Hannah, daughter of James and Mary (Morgan) Morgan, the latter a descendant of Elder William Brewster, of the Mayflower. He served in Boston, New York, Harlem Heights, White Plains, Long Island and Valley Forge and received many severe wounds in the Battle of Fort Griswold, September 6th, 1781, the most serious being from a bayonet which split his forehead and knocked out his eye, leaving the bare brain exposed and a deep furrow up and down the forehead after the wound was healed. He was left for dead and came to his senses as he was being carried out on the shoulders of those who were collecting the bodies, who were startled by the abrupt and military order from his lips: "Keep still, boys; you shake me!" His young son, Thomas, was killed fighting bravely by his side.

Although over sixty years old when the neighborhood was threatened with an attack in the War of 1812 he enlisted from June 1-16, 1813, and again August 9-23, 1814. He was especially honored by President Monroe at a reception given to Veterans at Fort Griswold, Groton Heights, in 1817."

From him descends Mrs. Mary Avery Dobson (Na. No. 2333).

3d. Samuel Greene Page, born August 1st, 1753, at Danvers, Mass. Died there September 2d, 1814. He married Rebecca Putnam, niece of Israel Putnam, Senior Major General of the American Army. He was a private soldier at Lexington, joined the army under Washington at Cambridge and was commissioned captain in Colonel Tappan's regiment. Was engaged in the battles of Monmouth and Stony Point and was with Washington at the crossing of the Delaware and at Valley Forge.

From him descended Mrs. Frances B. Greene, deceased (Na. No. 15,689).

4th. Jedediah Huntington, born August 4, 1743 at Norwich, Conn.; died April 7th, 1824, at New London, Conn. Married (1st) May, 1776, Faith, daughter of Jonathan Trumbull; (2d) Ann, daughter of Thomas Moore.

He graduated at Harvard College in 1765. With the approach of the struggle for Independence he became noted as a "Son of Liberty" and an active captain of the militia. Promoted to the command of a regiment, he joined the army at Cambridge a week after the battle of Lexington. His regiment was at Dorchester Heights and after the evacuation of Boston by the British he marched with the army to New York. He entertained Washington on the way at his home in Norwich. During 1776 he was at New York, Knight's Bridge and other places. In May, 1775, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier. In July he joined Gen. Putnam at Peekskill with all the Continental troops he could collect whence; in September, he was ordered to join the main army near Philadelphia. He shared in the hardships at Valley Forge and in March, 1778, was appointed (together with Colonel Wigglesworth) by Washington to aid Gen. McDougal into inquiring into the loss of Forts Montgomery and Clinton. In May his brigade

was stationed at posts on the North River, West Point and others. In July he was appointed a member of the Court Martial of General Lee. In September he was on the Court of Inquiry on the case of Major Andre. May 10, 1783, he was one of the committee of four who drafted the Constitution of the "Society of the Cincinnati." At the close of the war he was breveted major-general.

A letter from General Washington to him on his resignation, expressing the highest praise, is preserved by his family. After the close of the war he was chosen sheriff of the county, treasurer of the State and delegate to the State Convention which adopted the Constitution of the United States.

In 1789 he was appointed by President Washington as Collector of Customs at New London, which office he retained under four administrations and resigned a short time before his death.

From him descends Miss Sarah H. Hooker (na. no. 4327).

5th. John Spering, born in 1755 at Bath, England, died September 17, 1846, at Philadelphia. He married Sarah Clackner. He entered the Continental army at the age of twenty and served in it until the close of the war. He was at most of the principal battles: Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and was only prevented by illness from participating in the triumph at Yorktown. He followed Washington across the Delaware and shared the sufferings at Valley Forge. In all these circumstances he honorably acquitted himself. He lived to a great age, retaining his faculties to the last. Up to the morning of his death he was accustomed to peruse, with keen interest, accounts from the seat of war in Mexico. It was his frequent and fervent wish that if he should live to see his country again endangered he might behold all his numerous descendants together in arms for her defence. It was almost with this wish on his lips that he expired.

All his fellow soldiers who served in his regiment had gone before him. With his death the last link that united that portion of the Pennsylvania line to the present was broken forever. He was buried at Laurel Hill with full military ceremonies.

From him descended Mrs. Elish M. Hess, deceased, (na. no 6,436) and Mrs. Charles E. Jenkins, deceased (na. no. 5,765).

6th. John White was born September 12th, 1756, at Marblehead and died there. He married Ruth Haskell. He enlisted May 1775 in Cap. John Merritt's Company, 21st Massachusetts regiment (Col. John Glover's) and served eight months in the siege of Boston. Later he served one year in Cap. Enoch Putnam's Company, Col. Israel Hutchinson's regiment. He was at Valley Forge and crossed the Delaware in the same boat with Washington. He won the best character as a soldier but after the trials of Valley Forge was taken ill and obliged to get his discharge. He started to walk home but was too ill to proceed and some compassionate lady took him into her home and cared for him until he was able to travel. In the war of 1812 he enlisted on the ship "Tyrannicide" and served until he was taken prisoner and for a number of months was prisoner of war at Halifax until peace was declared.

From him descended Miss Harriet Rose White (na. no. 2061) and Miss Emma S. White, resigned (na. no. 2060).

The Harvest Home Festival.

A congregation at work is an evidence of life and hope. Such evidence was plainly visible in the Harvest Home Festival, held on Saturday, November 11. Mr. S. Col. Summerill originated the idea and carried the effort to success. At this early date we can only give the amount received, $117. From this must be subtracted the expenses, but the Festival will add a good sum to the Building Fund.

The parish house was decorated for the occasion with corn stalks and the re-

sult was well worth the labor. The Harvest Home spirit pervaded the whole place, especially as a long table was filled with the autumn fruits, baskets of pears and apples and a varied collection of vegetables. The live stock included a pig, chickens and cat and kittens. There was an abundance of preserves and jellies and bread, cake and candy. The oyster supper in the restaurant was an attractive part of the festival, to judge from the number that patronized it. The whole affair was well planned and ably carried out, and great credit is due to all who helped make it such a success.

The Montgomery County Generals Collection.

Mrs. William E. Montague has presented a large crayon portrait of General Winfield Scott Hancock, which has been hung in the Museum. Of the other three Montgomery county Generals we have no portraits except a cabinet photograph of General Hartranft. The very fact that the Valley Forge Museum of American History is national in its scope should stimulate the citizens of our county to contribute such portraits and relics as to testify to her honorable contribution to the defence of the Nation's life and institutions. Hancock, Hartranft, Slemmer and Zook made a notable contribution toward victory and gave honor to their county. Where could the county's gift and her sons' glory be better attested than at Valley Forge?

Dr. Alfred H. Read and Miss Nina Boreiche Read have given to the Museum the army order commanding their father, Surgeon Louis B. Read, to go to Norristown to attend General Hancock, who had been seriously wounded at Gettysburg. In the Mary Eliabeth Schofield Collection there is a visiting card on which President Johnson has written a request for General Hancock to call on him at noon, and in the general collection there are three of General Hancock's letters. Miss Hannah P. Kirkbride has given one of the Montgomery county National Bank notes engraved with the portraits of the four generals, and Mrs. Sarah A. Molony the cabinet photograph of General Hartranft. These relics and the portrait given by Mrs. Montague are a good beginning. Who will add to "The Montgomery County Generals Collection?"

Mrs. S. J. Silcock, formerly Mrs. Cornelius P. Bergen, has made an interesting donation to the Museum. This includes the diary of her husband, Lieutenant Bergen, kept while in service. The Daily Chronicle, Washington, D. C., April 20, 1863, The New York Herald and the Philadelphia Inquirer of the same date, containing accounts of the funeral of President Lincoln; Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, April 2, 1865, on the same subject; the New York World, July 4, 1881, and a part of the New York Herald, September 24, 1881, containing accounts of the assassination and burial of President Garfield; The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, January 1, 1899, containing a review of the Spanish-American War.

The diary has the following title page: "Washington, D. C. | Daily acc't of the 61st Regt. | Company E, N. Y. S. V. | Kept by 1st Lieut. C. P. Bergen | Now at Camp Cone, | Reg't Commanded by Col. Spencer W. Cone | Ac't Brigadier General." The diary begins November 9, 1861, and is continued with more or less regularity to March 3, 1862. Lieutenant Bergen died December 6, 1868.

Mrs. Silcock's sister, Miss Martha Washington Ballard, has given a copy of "The Boston Gazette and Country Journal," March 22, 1870, a news paper account of "Old Ironsides" and lines written by her father describing Washington's kindness to his grandmother, whose babe he carried on Powder Horn Hill.

During October there were 261 admissions to the Museum.

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Calendar.

Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
At Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia:
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.

NOVEMBER.

18. Dedication of the Massachusetts Marker and Unveiling of the Wash-Pew Screen.
4 p. m. Vestry Meeting.
19. Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
23. Convocation of Norristown in Christ Church, Pottstown.
26. Sunday next before Advent.
28. Thanksgiving Day.
10 a. m. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.
30. St. Andrew's Day.

DECEMBER.

3. First Sunday in Advent.
6. 2.30 p. m. Meeting of the Washington Chapel Guild in King-of-Prussia Hall.
10. Second Sunday in Advent.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

October 28. Hartranft Stockham.

MARRIAGES.

October 18. Temple J. English and Mary Catharine Anderson.
October 25. Stout Sherman and Annie Jardine Gordan.

OTHER RECORDS OF THE RECTOR'S SERVICES.

Christ Church, Woodbury, N. J.
November 8. Joseph Reeves Merritt and Mary Estelle Low.

Bishop Rhinelander and Bishop Garland.

On Saturday, October 28, St. Simon and St. Jude's Day, the Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, D. D., was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D., Bishop Suffragan. The service, which was the most notable in the history of the Diocese, took place in the George W. South Memorial Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia. Bishop Rhinelander and Bishop Garland come to their work with such gifts and training that we look for great things for the Church, and to them we pledge the cordial support and hearty prayers of the rector, vestry and congregation of the Washington Memorial Chapel.

The Good Work of Our Primary Department.

On all occasions when we have had large gatherings, the question of securing enough hot water for dish washing, etc., has been a serious one. Henceforth we will not be bothered by this problem, for a circulating boiler has been installed. For this addition to our equipment we are indebted to Mrs. S. Col. Summerill and the members of the primary class. The bucket, containing bags of pennies, was presented to the Rector in Sunday school by Master George Todd on behalf of the class. The boiler was in place in time for the Harvest Home Festival and was found a great convenience. The bill for the boiler and setting was $21.96, and of this amount the Primary Class has raised $15.64, leaving only $6.32 to meet the full cost of this improvement.

This work of the Primary Class ought to encourage us greatly, for they have shown us what can be done.

The Men's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in the Diocese of Pennsylvania sends us the following statement and request concerning our Apportionment for Missions. The figures do not include special contributions, since specials are not obligations resting on the Diocese and are therefore not apportioned:

Last year (September 1, 1910, to September 1, 1911) we were asked to give $50 00
The Board of Missions reports that we gave
Through Parish .....$.....
Through Sunday School .. 85 25
Through Woman's Auxiliary ....

Total $85 25

This year (September 1, 1911, to September 1, 1912) the Diocese is asked to raise $157,970, which is $15,000 more than was raised from all sources last year. To meet this obligation the Men's Auxiliary hopes that we will endeavor to raise through Parish, Sunday School and Woman's Auxiliary a total of $100 before September 1, 1912.

Of course we will come up to the expectations of the Men's Auxiliary. We can easily do it if every member of the congregation will give generously and systematically for Missions. The use of the duplex envelopes help in this work.

We must remember that this one hundred dollars does not include the twenty-five dollars pledged to further the work of Church extension in our own Diocese.

The offering on Thanksgiving Day will be for the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. Gifts of fruit and vegetables, preserves and jellies will be given to Charity Hospital, Norristown. Show your thankfulness by your worship and gifts.

History of Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

LETTER XIV.

Norristown Herald and Free Press, Aug. 21, 1850.

Among the foreigners that arrived with Baron De Kalb, one of the most noted was La Fayette, who, having been wounded at the Battle of Brandywine, did not come with the main body of the army, but remained in order to recover from his wound, and if I mistake not, somewhere in the neighborhood of the battle ground. He took up his quarters at the house of Samuel Havard, about two miles south of the head quarters, on the Valley Creek, and remained there during the residue of the campaign. He used frequently to visit De Kalb at his quarters, which introduced the Marquis to an acquaintance with my grandfather's family. Of the other distingushed ones were Pulaski and Kosciusko, celebrated Polish officers; the first was slain at the battle of Savannah, and the second some

years after the war, returned to his native country, and was commander-in-chief of the armies of Poland at the time of their final overthrow, at the battle of the Bridge of Prague, by the combined armies of Russia, Austria and Prussia and with the fall of whom perished the liberties of Poland, as Campbell, the poet, in his vivid description of it has observed:

"Hope for a season bade the world farewell,
And freedom shrieked as Kosciusko fell."

Duportale and Duponceau, French officers, of whom I may hereafter take notice; Baron Steuben and Dubryson, Prussian officers, and many others that I have heard of, some of whose names I have heard, and others I have not heard or, if heard I cannot now recollect; neither is it very material, as the most of these were not so conspicuous as those above noticed. I shall therefore pass them by at this time.

Dubryson, who was the particular friend of DeKalb during the time he was there, dwelt in a cave on the premises, and near the house of my grandfather, the foundation of which remained till 1811, being for many years used as a place to break flax in. That year the present mansion house on the farm was erected and the foundation of the cave filled up, and a part of the ground now forming the front yard, was the site of Dubryson's cave. Pulaski, I have understood, after his arrival had his quarters at the house of John Beaver, with the widow and family. John Beaver died a short time previous to the arrival of the army; the others might have had their quarters in huts in the encampment, as I never heard of any of them having them at any houses in the neighborhood. They all used to visit Baron DeKalb at his quarters, as I have been informed by different members of the family. When I was between eight and nine years of age, having had frequent occasion to pass through the encampment ground with my father, and in one of these he pointed out to me the foundations of a large hut, and told me it had been occupied as the quarters of Baron Steuben. This was on the farm of Maurice Stephens, now belonging to William Henry, one of the present representatives in the General Assembly from the county of Montgomery and on the same farm Gen. Huntingdon was quartered. He at the time facetiously observed that the place over which we were then passing was called Steuben's Kitchen, from an incident that occurred when he had possession of it, which he then related to me nearly as follows: The Baron was a man of wealth and something of an epicure, had brought with him from Europe a man who was a professed cook, the Baron possibly expecting to live in the same style and fare as sumptuously as he had in his own country. If so, he met with a disappointment. When the cook went to prepare dinner, on inquiring for the kitchen and cooking utensils, was directed to a fire outside the hut, around which forks were driven in the ground, and from poles placed upon them were pieces of meat suspended by strings, hanging before the fire to roast; and was told that the place the fire was burning was the kitchen, and the strings by which the pieces of meat were suspended, the cooking utensils. The cook replied that the services of a man of his abilities were not required in America, and he would return to Europe. He soon after quitted the service, and returned home to employ his talents there, not relishing Steuben's kitchen. Numerous other anecdotes and reminiscences of that period that I have often heard related, many of them by persons who witnessed them, might be related, were they deemed of sufficient importance to claim the attention of my readers; the most of them will therefore be omitted together with many other incidents that occurred in the neighborhood of the encampment during the time of its continuance there, as the recital of them would be tedious, and requires more time than I can now give to the subject.

In a former number I mentioned the place where Sullivan's men were stationed, and promised to give some

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A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner, Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Head Quarters Valley Forge, Feb'ry 19, 1778.
Major General.....tomorrow... .....Lord Sterling
Brigadier General ....Paterson
Field Officers .....Lt. Colo. Brooks, Colo. Stewart
Brigade Major.....Clairborne

The officers of the day are to cause serch and inquiry to be made whether any sutler or others sell Liquor contrary to Genl. orders perticularly near camp piquets and out lines or within a mile or two of them and if such liquors are found in such places they are to seize and secure it and report the same.—

No person to be sent to the provost guart, but such as are charged with capital crimes. A large collection of Books upon History, Physics and Divinity—also a number of Novels Plays &c., to be sold by public Auction at the Elaboratory next Monday 3 OClock P. M.

A Quantity of Baggage fell into the hands of Capt. Madeira of 3d N. Carolina Regimt. belonging (as supposed) to some Gentleman in the Army—the owner may have it again by applying to Capt. Madeira.

Brigade Orders, Feb'ry 19, 1778.

	C.	S.	S.	C.	P.	Fatigue	C.	S.	S.	P.
Learned's.....	0	1	1	1	12		1	1	1	10
Bailey's.....					5		1	1	1	0 4
Wilson's.....				1	4		0	0	0	0 3
Judson's.....	1	1	0		3		0	0	0	0 3
Total.....	1	1	1		12		1	1	1	0 10

*Adjutants, Sergeants, &c., for Colonel Wilson's regiment.
*Crossed out.

Head Quarters, Feb. 20, 1778.
Major General .....tomorrow.....Lord Sterling
Brigadier..... .....McIntosh
Field Officers.....Lt. Colo. Star. Major Porne
Brigade Major..... .....McCormic

	C.	S.	S.	C.	P.	Fatigue	S.	C.	P.
Learned's.....	0	1	1		13		1	0	11
Patterson's.....									

At a board of Genl. officers held Feby 19, 1778 to take into consideration the promotion of Majr. Ryon, and after having heard the Reasons for and against it, are of opinion that his Promotion to the Rank of Major in the 10th Penna. Regt. is irregular.—The Commander in Chief is therefore obliged to supercede the Appointment of Major Ryon in sd Regt.—The same board likewise took into consideration the Memorial of Capt. Jas. Graham—after hearing his allegations in support of it—and what the Majors in the Penna. Line, promoted in the year 77 had to offer; are of opinion that the Capt. Grier stood fair for promotion on 3d day of June 1776—yet as he was not promoted to fill up the Vacancy which then existed until 17th March following, agreeable to the then Regulations of the Army; he could not take Rank from the time of the Vacancies happening, but only from the time of his Appointment.—He therefore has not a just claim to take Rank of the Majors appointed in the State of Penna. in year 1777. Capt. Grier will therefore consider the Settlement of the Rank as final.—

An immediate Return to be made from the Virginia Line of all the men whose time have expired; and who have been reenlisted, to comprehend also all those whose term of Service is nearly expiring. Such as may be absent on Furlough or otherwise must be distinguished from those present.

Head Quarters Valley Forge, Feb'ry 21, 1778.
Major General ....Lord Sterling
Brigadier.....Maxwell
Field Officers..... .....Major Sneed, Major Hay
Brigade Major..... .....McGowin

Found a Large sum of money the owner may hear of it by applying to Ensign Porter of Gen'l Weedens Brigd.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The representatives of the Washington Memorial Chapel in the "Men and Religion Forward Movement" on behalf of the Christian Life of the Men and Boys of North America are: Mr. Clayland S. Walker, Boys' Work; Mr. Frank Quigg, Social Service; Mr. Charles Wells Walker, Missions; Mr. Nathan M. Hughes, Evangelism; Mr. Leslie Jefferis, Bible Study.